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Dear Howard,

Thanks for the enclosures with your 5/16. Warren is still schizo, saying the right things and entirely unaware of his important second role as part of repression, quite opposite his intent...I knew Finley had been assigned that Crotty piece. Under the circumstances, he did the best he could with it. The box was worse because of a headline tending to accredit its rank opinions. He is a good gut and has been helpful...anything on noise is useful. I heard a report on the radio last night I hope to find in some paper, a new military policy about noise created by military aircraft. It might be useful, and I'd like to know enough to get the full statement, if you see anything in your papers.

My enclosed letter to SM is self explanatory.

June is fine. But don't make it the weeked of the 10th, when Jerry expects to be here. There are these things we should discuss, perhaps more. You might hten also want to read what I have added to PH. I made another addition this week. Vail laid aside the final typing to do a long piece for which I'll get paid a little. I have the withheld Mackie page, and it has significances other than the bracketed description suggests. It does not have what is suggested. She did not describe the wounds, wasn't asked to.

I, too, am sorry that Dick didn't have more time to go over the epilogue and that you couldn't. You will find it controversial, and while I believe what I say in it, would have welcomed confrontation on the content. As it is, when you are here and read it, you can also read what the files reflect and decide on legitimacy for yourself. Jerry's attitude, by the way, is beginning the undergoing of a change. I wonder if there is a subtle unrecognized reflection of this is SM's much too self-effacing letter. That she is locked into the past is a great tragedy, but that the past is without significance today is an invalid assumption. I hope she changes her mind, but there is time. That she would recommend those with immeasurably inferior knowledge disturbs me, makes me feel she acted from personal feelings, not a more mature basis.

Jerry was as busy as you with school. He is due in DC this weekend for a demonstration. The weather may well depress that. There is a flashflood warning, heavy rains predicted. It has rained all night, began raining yesterday p.m.

You should do the revisions, even if there were less prospect. And the summer is your only time. You say nothing of school. I presume you did your usual best?

I hope you can preserve your good relations with the Archives. It would have taken forever for me to get any kind of answer on Cheney. I'd appreciate a copy of their covering letter saying this is the only think, CD4:603. There should have been several other interviews, and their absence is not accidental. One is what he learned when he returned to the CODB and the other is his account of what he saw in the motorcade. I now have it in his voice. He said he saw a bullet hit the President in the face. It might be inaccurate, but it is what he says and it should have been recorded, especially considering all the rubbish checked. I have not added that to PH, feeling it unnecessary, but I may later use it some other way. To return to the opening thought, your better relations with them shows the benefit in the Lattimer things, where they might or might not have told me that they told you. If they would, it would also have taken an incredible time. Vawter, for example, has not replied and the delay violates the regulations. I will not file unless Jim can make it. He is now too busy. So, let them make it look worse by delaying. This makes a relatively simple suit and has a proper content.

Looking forward to your visit. Best to your folks,